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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sharon N. Farrens et al.

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BONDING METHOD

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Evan T. Pert

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.